

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 15, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R); Sen. Scott Sales (R); Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 30, 3/10/2017; HB 396, 3/10/2017; HB 516, 3/10/2017

Executive Action: SB 138, SB 324

00:00:37 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 30, Remove voted levies approved after creation of TIF from tax increment provision.

EXHIBIT(tas54a01)

00:03:13 Sen. Cohenour entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:47 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:06:16 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:07:33 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties
00:08:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association
00:08:40 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
00:09:19 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip and City of Glendive
00:09:45 Kevin Nelson, Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:27 Rep. Essmann

00:10:48 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:16 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 396, Revise laws related to tax increment financing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:24 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:15:29 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:16:59 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association
00:17:38 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
00:19:01 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip and City of Glendive
00:19:26 Kevin Nelson, Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:38 Sen. Hoven
00:22:58 Rep. Grubbs
00:23:19 Mr. Bryson, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:21 Rep. Grubbs
00:24:56 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 516

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:09 Rep. Adam Hertz (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 516, Allow for civil action to collect certain delinquent property taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:39 Randy Cline, Frenchtown School District
[EXHIBIT\(tas54a02\)](#)

00:36:17 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:37:31 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:39:44 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:40:35 Dan Whyte, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:06 Sen. Barrett
00:43:52 Rep. Hertz
00:44:55 Sen. Malek
00:47:17 Rep. Hertz
00:47:46 Sen. Hoven
00:48:36 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:48:42 Sen. Barrett
00:49:31 Mr. Whyte
00:50:29 Sen. Barrett
00:51:09 Mr. Whyte

00:51:43 Sen. Barrett
 00:52:25 Rep. Hertz
 00:52:36 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:53:56 Rep. Hertz
 00:54:16 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:54:54 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)
 00:56:01 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:56:21 Ms. Wiggers, MCTA
 00:56:45 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:57:21 Ms. Wiggers
 00:57:59 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:58:22 Mr. Whyte
 00:59:03 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:59:42 Mr. Bryson, MACo
 01:00:32 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:00:43 Mr. Bryson
 01:01:18 Sen. Richmond
 01:02:10 Rep. Hertz
 01:02:19 Sen. Richmond
 01:02:57 Mr. Bryson
 01:03:44 Sen. Richmond
 01:04:13 Sen. Hoven
 01:04:34 Rep. Hertz
 01:05:17 Chairman Blasdel
 01:05:52 Mr. Bryson
 01:07:49 Sen. Malek
 01:08:34 Mr. Bryson
 01:09:23 Sen. Barrett
 01:13:01 Mr. Bryson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:14 Rep. Hertz
[EXHIBIT\(tas54a03\)](#)

01:14:19 Chairman Blasdel
[EXHIBIT\(tas54a04\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 324

01:16:26 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 324 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:16:58 Sen. Tempel
 01:17:52 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:18:21 Sen. Tempel
 01:19:32 Sen. Barrett
 01:20:02 Sen. Tempel
 01:20:18 Sen. Barrett

01:21:38 Sen. Tempel
 01:22:10 Chairman Blasdel
 01:22:25 Sen. Cohenour
 01:24:54 Sen. Tempel
 01:25:19 Sen. Cohenour
 01:26:16 Sen. Tempel
 01:27:00 Sen. Barrett
 01:27:53 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:28:32 Sen. Cohenour
 01:29:03 Sen. Tempel
 01:29:42 Sen. Hoven
 01:30:36 Sen. Tempel
 01:30:52 Mr. Coles, LSD
 01:34:07 Sen. Hoven
 01:34:18 Mr. Coles
 01:35:08 Sen. Barrett
 01:36:01 Mr. Coles
 01:36:23 Sen. Malek
 01:38:04 Sen. Tempel
 01:38:06 Chairman Blasdel
 01:38:36 Sen. Barrett
 01:40:15 Sen. Tempel

01:40:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Malek voting no. Sen. S. Sales, Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 138

01:42:00 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 138 DO PASS.**

01:42:31 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 138 BE AMENDED.**
[**EXHIBIT**](#)(tas54a05)

Discussion:

01:42:48 Chairman Blasdel
 01:44:24 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:49:31 Sen. Hoven
 01:49:39 Mr. Coles, LSD
 01:51:43 Sen. Cohenour
 01:51:58 Chairman Blasdel
 01:52:10 Dan Whyte, Montana Department of Revenue
 01:54:29 Sen. Barrett
 01:55:11 Holly Franz, Montana Department of Revenue
 01:56:48 Chairman Blasdel

01:57:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales, Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb voted by proxy.

01:57:42 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 138 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

01:57:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales, Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb voted by proxy.

01:58:10 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:59 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas54aad.pdf](#))